Production and Marketing.of Zinc

*260: SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies producing Zinc in the country;

(b) the details of the share each company has in the production and marketing of Zinc in the country, company-wise; and

(c) the profit/loss made by Hindustan Zinc Ltd. during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Primary zinc in the country is produced by Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Mines and Binani Industries Limited (BIL) a private sector unit.

(b) During 2000-2001, HZL produced 1,48,092 tonnes zinc and sold 1,43,621 tonnes of zinc. BIL produced 29,923 tonnes of zinc during 2000-01. The figures of the sales of BIL are not maintained by the Government. The production share of HZL during 2000-2001 was 83% while that of BIL was 17%. Taking into consideration the estimated demand of zinc in the country, the market share of HZL works out to be 53%.

(c) The profit earned by HZL during the last three years is given below:

. Year	Profit after tax *(Rs. in crore)*
1998-1999	76.32
1999-2000	90.42
2000-2001	169.21